

a loading mechanism for receiving the data storage device and retaining the data storage device such that the drive component reads the directory file information on command;

a processor programmed to read and communicate only file information;

and

a visual display operably connected to the drive component through the processor for viewing only the file directory information contained on the data storage device.

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6. A portable apparatus for reading only file directory content of a separately portable data storage device, the portable apparatus not in communication with a personal computer, the apparatus comprising:

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a handheld housing;

a drive component disposed within the housing to read the data storage device;

a processor programmed to read and communicate only file information;

a display disposed on the housing and connected to the drive component through the processor for viewing the file directory contents; and

a printer operably connected to the drive component through the processor to print the file directory contents contained on the display.

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10. A method of reading only file directory information contained on a portable data storage device, the method comprising:

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inserting the data storage device into a loading mechanism of a portable handheld file reader apparatus;

with a processor, reading and communicating only file information; and